

DESERTED CHILDREN PLEAD FOR BASKET OF FOOD AT XMAS

BOSTON BROKER DONATES \$100

Benedict J. Baker Repeats His Gift of Last Year; Pathetic Pleas Received

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Miss Burnham believes that in this manner everyone will have an opportunity to assist the Basket Fund. The admission for adults will be 25¢ and children under fifteen years of age will be charged only 10¢.

NAVY PUPILS TO AID.
At the present time Miss Burnham conducts a successful dancing studio at No. 210 Huntington avenue. She has frequently appeared in public herself, being an unusually clever dancer. Her pupils, who number more than 100, are to assist in making the big party a success. In addition to dancing both singing and elocution are taught.

It is expected that there will be considerable rivalry in selling tickets as she has offered one year's instruction free of charge to the child selling the largest number of tickets. Two points will be credited for every adult's ticket sold, and one point for each child's ticket.

An unusually attractive entertainment is to be arranged by Miss Burnham, as she has a wealth of material to draw from among her pupils. Among the clever little artists who will appear are: Dorothy Dunn, Gertrude Burnham, Lola Hammond, Dorothy Smith, Madeline E. Dunbar, Joseph Baker, Ora Brewster, Edna, Elsie, Ethel, Ben.

BROKER DONATES \$100.
Benedict J. Baker, a leading Boston broker with offices at No. 209 Washington street, has contributed \$100 to the Basket Fund. Last year Mr. Baker gave a similar contribution.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifford sent \$25 and wrote: "Enclosed is \$25 which we trust will help make some poor family happy at Christmas time. We stated this a most worthy cause, one to which we should all respond according to our means."

The R. J. McDonald Company sent a donation of \$15 to the fund. Many pathetic letters from needy families continue to pour into the office. The following was from a South End boy:

"I have read of the Christmas baskets you give away to the poor people. My father is out of work and my mother has to work nights to keep my sister and myself. If I could find work."

A woman from Roxbury asks for food to feed four hungry mouths. "Please send me a basket this Christmas. I have four small children and I am very poor. Please don't forget us this year as you can't imagine how poor we are. I should be very glad if you would favor us."

The daughter of a Roxbury woman writes asking for help for her sick mother. "Will you please send me a Christmas basket? We have eight children and none of us is old enough to work. Mother is always sick and we don't have any Christmas dinner unless you send us something. There are four boys and four girls, and we all go to school. We would be very, very much pleased with anything you would send us. We have no coal and it is cold."

A ten-year-old girl from East Boston asks for a basket. "I am ten years old. My father is sick. He has not been working for two years for he can't walk. He is sick with blood poison. My poor father worries all the time. I have no mother. My mother died three years ago, and I have four little sisters. We are very poor, and I hope for my first time you will not disappoint me, for I pray for it every night and so do my little sisters. Please help us this Christmas, for I hope you will help my children, too, and bless you, and a Merry Christmas."

MOTHER FORCED TO WORK.
A Roxbury mother of five children makes an appeal. "I am a woman with five small children and another coming soon. I take in washing two and three times a week to help my children out. My husband has been sick for the last three years, and he tried to help me out. He works two or three days a week, but he cannot work any more because he is not able to."

"I have had one of my boys in the hospital from February until September, and the age of my children are five, four, three, two, and one month, and they cannot help me. I have \$15.00 to pay rent for four rooms, and I am telling you the truth. Will you send my children a Christmas basket for their dinner, and God bless you."

Contributions to the fund follow:
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NEW ENGLAND TRADE REVIEW

Wholesale Markets Are Beginning to Stabilize

Period of Drastic Cuts in Primary Branches Seems to Be Nearing Turn for Better; Easier Money Should Furnish Foundation for Improvement in Business

Readjustment in New England business still continues, but during the past week there have been few drastic cuts in wholesale prices. For several weeks, in fact, months, the wool and leather markets have been a dull affair, with prices nominal and business stagnant. Only lately has there been a disposition to pick up in the hide market, which should be reflected in better prices in the manufacturing processes.

A notable exception has been cotton. That year staple continues to make new lows. The decline of spot cotton from 43.15 cents a pound in July to 32.10 now is an extraordinary drop. Cotton futures are now under 10 cents the pound, which is within halting distance of pre-war prices.

The demand for cotton has been steadily decreasing. October domestic consumption figures were but a round 400,000 bales, as compared with 518,000 bales last year, a decline of 24 per cent. For the first three months of the year, the consumption was 203,000 bales behind the figures of the last year. Exports have fallen off and are now about 100,000 bales fewer than last year.

The deflation movement has not been only in the United States. It is world wide. English mills are running greatly curtailed. There is not much hope for American mills this year from Japan, Italy and France that are now last year. As far as Germany is concerned, though that country could use much of our low-grade cotton, American business does not seem willing to extend the necessary loans so that the Germans can buy.

A Southern banker has suggested that a few strong American banks pool their interests and make loans to cloth manufacturers in Germany and market the finished goods, paying the German manufacturers a percentage of the profits. That plan might be possibly modified. It would not only enable American producers to dispose of their wares, but enable Germany to get back on her feet and pay her obligations to the world.

Reduction in Textile Mill Wages?
A cutting in cotton quotations has been rumored to many Southern planters. It is welcomed by New England mills for it means less to them in the cost of production. It would mean that the mill which would cotton growers to operate at a profit and at the same time make New England mills to turn out goods at a price the public will pay.

Though wage reductions have been made in many instances, there appears to be a disposition of employers to make a further level. It is known that treasurers of textile mills in New England, both east and west, have been holding conferences lately with that object in view.

They argue that the cost of living is moving down substantially, only rents and coal relating the general tendency. Competition from the South, where wages have been reduced, and a desire to bring down goods costs and put an end to the "buying strike" of the public, are given as reasons.

Clothing Sales Attract Buyers
There are beginning to appear signs that the "buying strike" on the part of the public is weakening, at least so far as men's suits and overcoats are concerned. Several Boston retail clothing have noted lower.

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By CHARLES E. PARKER.

With the completion on Saturday of all but one of the important college gridiron contests of the 1920 season comes the time when the more shrewd chroniclers of football announce the names of the players who, in their opinion, deserve to be rated as the season's best.

This task, for those who strive conscientiously to give due consideration to the qualities and accomplishments not only of players but also of teams, but those of all sections, is far from a simple one. Without the aid of well-qualified football authorities in each section of the country it would be an impossible one. We have had such aid in assembling our information. It has come from men who know the football standards of all sections and who are in accord with us in ideas of what constitute the qualities that are most desired in the several positions. Consequently, in presenting the accompanying team, we do so believing we have crunched together the strongest possible combinations in the country.

In making the selections we have considered the work of the men for the entire season—we would much rather have a man on our team who has played consistently good football throughout the year than a man who perhaps has flashed brilliantly in one or two contests.

Western Football Has Improved This Season

It will be noted that the Middle West, Coast and South are much better represented than in any previous year, but this can be readily accounted for by the fact that there has been a general improvement in the football in those sections. The earlier adoption of aerial football by their teams and consequently greater perfection in the use of such plays, combined with the very excellent quality of the players has placed the teams of the Middle West, Coast and South slightly in advance of the majority of Eastern teams in the offensive branch of the sport, while greater attention to defensive play has brought them almost up to the



GIPP, Notre Dame—Halfback.



URBAN, Boston College—End.



WOODS, Harvard—Guard.



HORWEEN, Harvard—Quarterback.



STEINBOCK, Ohio State—Fullback.



CARSEY, Illinois—Quarterback.

Eastern standard in that department of the game. It will not be until next Saturday's Boston College-Holy Cross game that decisions can be offered on the rival claims of the Eastern title, and even at that time the naming of any one of the several claimants will satisfy but few. It has been an odd season in the East. Boston College is the only team playing a reasonably difficult schedule that has won all its games, and should the total team defeat Holy Cross it will have perhaps the strongest claim for the title.

Harvard, which has a claim for top honors, was tied and really outplayed by Princeton; the latter team was tied by Harvard and really outplayed by West Virginia; Pittsburgh was outplayed by Georgia Tech and tied by

Syracuse and Penn State, while Penn State, another leading claimant, was outplayed by Lafayette and tied by Pittsburgh and held to a tie score by its last two elevens.

Dartmouth, which early in the season suffered woefully from injuries, is regarded by many as stronger than several of these claimants, but decisions are not wiped out with a word and there are two such on Dartmouth's early season record.

In other sections the football leadership is well divided. California's 12-1 team rules the coast; Ohio State's unbeaten array is king of the Conference; Notre Dame leads the non-conference group in the Middle West, while Virginia Military Institute, the second highest scoring team in the country, tops the list in the South, and Georgia Tech rules the Southern States.

Major of California. When competing in track meets, Cort usually runs a mile and two and one or two weight events, and when competing in football he is invariably stout or corpulent. He has proved the most capable lineman in Andy Smith's team, capable and speedy offensive game has been colored with several touchdowns when Cort recovers a fumble he picks it up and runs like the old Scratch for the enemy goal line. Cort weighs 195, is a three letter man at California, and has been captain or acting captain of the team for the past three years.

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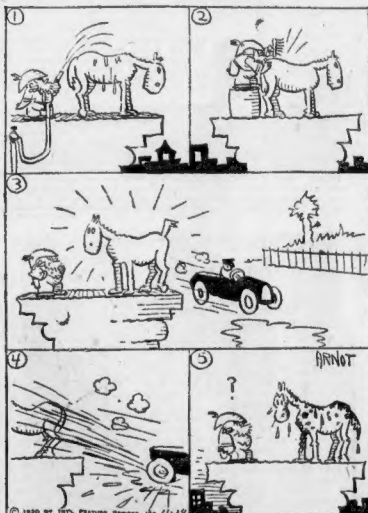


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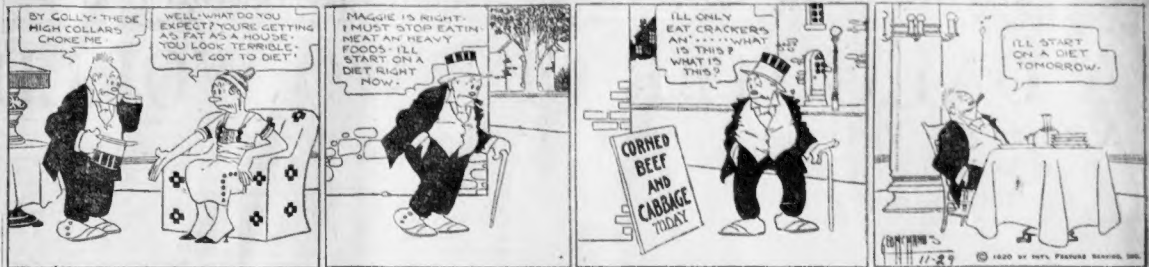


Kabibble Kabaret

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DEAR MR. KABIBBLE,
MY HUSBAND SAYS HE'D LIKE TO GET ME A PIANO IN TWO MONTHS—BUT WHY THE DELAY?
HE PROBABLY BOUGHT A RAFFLE TICKET ON ONE—IT TAKES TWO MONTHS TO GET RID OF ALL THE TICKETS!

BRINGING UP FATHER

A MOVING PICTURE COMEDY,
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POLLY AND HER PALS

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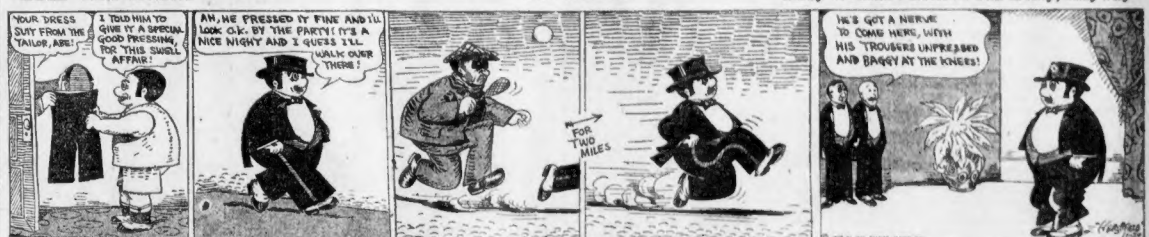
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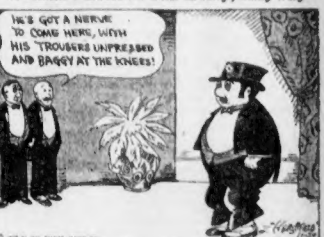
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By George Herriman



Five Springfield Entries in the American's "Loveliest Girl" Contest



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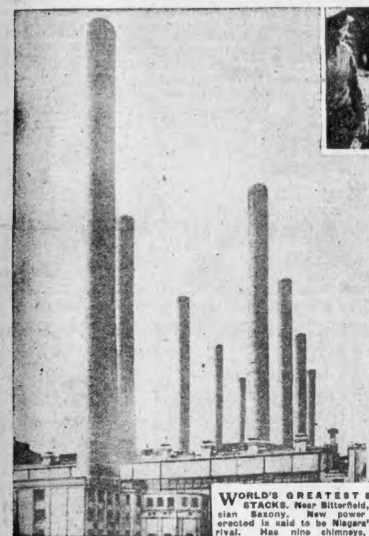
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THE BOSTON AMERICAN offers \$5,000 in gold for photographs of lovely girls. To the girl declared by the judges to be the loveliest girl in New England, the American will pay \$3,000 in gold. To the next girl in

merit, \$1,000 in gold. There will be two third prizes of \$500 each. In awarding the prizes the judges will have in mind Arthur Brisbane's definition of beauty. Mr. Brisbane says beauty is "intelligence in a fine setting." The judges will study the photographs, first for intelligence, friend, second for health, and third for physical beauty. There are no stings returned when the contest is over. Address all mail to "Loveliest Girl Editor," Boston American, P. O. Box 230, Boston 9, Mass.

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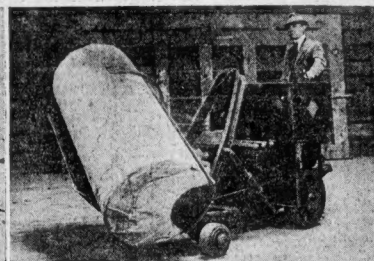
WORLD'S GREATEST SMOKE STACKS. Near Bitterfeld, Prussian Saxony. New power plant erected is said to be Niagara's only rival. Has nine chimneys.

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WRECK OF LOST SEAPLANE FOUND. Coast guards came upon the wreckage of the Navy seaplane No. 5-21, of the Great Lakes Station near Flower Creek, Mich. The plane has been missing for some time. No trace of the three crew men, Ensign Edwin Clark, Machine Gunner Harry C. Bare and Chief Printer F. J. Caesar has been found.

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JOY FOR THE PRESSMEN. Juggling the huge rolls of paper which are used by daily newspapers has been a hard task. Now they have invented a motor bus which carries the rolls about.

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WHO KNOWS? Now that women have the vote they may pass laws making the men of this country follow the style in a section of Germany where married men wear long red cloaks and black hats.

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FORE AND AFT. California girl practices golf on the roof. The photographer came along as she called "fore" and, being unwitting, she looked "aft." Dressed bad form. No, no, Richard, that getting fore we mean. One is supposed to keep one's eye on the ball, not on the camera. However, she has a perfect right to her own form.

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CEE WHILLIKING! Three weeks from next Saturday is Christmas. Bill here believes in getting an early start. You will save time, money and trouble by doing your shopping now.

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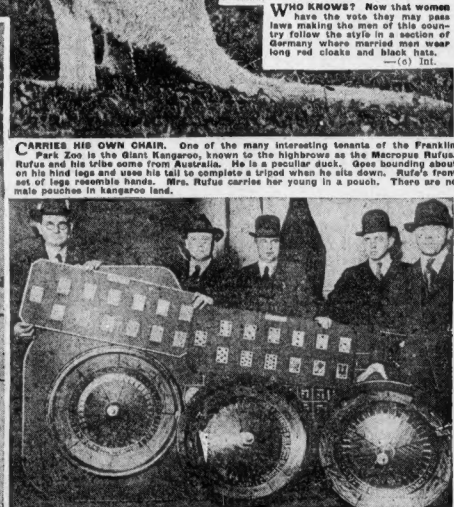
HEALTH AND EDUCATION. Milwaukee has an outdoor school for tubercular children where the three "R's" are taught. Good food, warm clothes and blankets are free.

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EATS 'EM ALIVE. This plant lives on flies and bugs. Its wife of Philadelphia, who were banished from Russia by the late czar, are going back to preach the gospel as missionaries to the Russian Missionary Society of Philadelphia. Mr. Felser still has his fuzzy Russian garb.

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CLEANING UP CHICAGO. The Windy City has a new chief of police and like the proverbial new broom he is cleaning up. During a recent series of gambling raids, thousands of dollars' worth of gambling paraphernalia was confiscated. The above photo shows members of the vice squad with three roulette wheels and two faro layouts taken at one house. It was one of the few gambling houses in the country where the old game of faro bank was still played.

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Supreme Court Is Aborting the Will of the People

In No Land, in No Other Age of History, Did Any People Ever Dream of Tolerating a Government by Judges to the Extent Which, in Our Inertia, We Are Permitting in This Country

The directors of the United Fruit Company the other day, at a meeting held in Boston, voted to declare a stock dividend of one hundred per cent. on the fifty million dollars of the stock now outstanding. Thus, the capitalization of the company will be raised from fifty millions to one hundred millions. The company has a surplus of ninety millions, of which about one-half is in cash and cash assets, so Andrew W. Preston, president of the company, declares.

This astounding performance by just one of the companies in America dealing in the necessities of life, ought to be the occasion of serious thought by the American people. What do we think of a social and economic system which permits such things to be done? But that such profits can be made in a necessary of life, now so high that poor people cannot enjoy it, although health authorities universally recognize the necessity for all people to have fruit, without causing a serious challenge of our economic system is not so surprising as the fact that we have actually in the last few years by judicial revolution and judicial retrogression actually enabled these gigantic profits to be made without paying to the government the tax which the government exacts from the poorest man. Our economic and social system have inherited and it is the disposition of human nature to accept that as right or, at least, as inevitable which we have always known. But at least it was to be expected that what we have always known should actually be overturned and repudiated in order to make such wrongs possible, yet this is actually what has happened. It was to be expected that the rule would work both ways. These enormous profits are paid in stock dividends in order to avoid the tax which the law requires to be paid upon such profits to the National Government and the requirements of the law are thus evaded because a majority of the judges of the United States Supreme Court, in a decision unreasonable and illogical and unjust, decided that stock dividends could not be taxed as income. Judge Brandeis, speaking for the minority, rattled the logic and fairness of this decision.

If anything in the world is calculated to make social and political unrest in this country, it is some of the decisions the United States Supreme Court has been rendering within the last few years. By this decision hundreds of millions of dollars have escaped taxation and the escaped tax burden has been transferred upon the ordinary man and woman. There is little justification for it in the language of the law, in the terms of the Constitution or in the history and policy of taxation.

If we assume that those who will receive these stock dividends are subject to the maximum surtax then the amount of taxes with which the stockholders of the United Fruit Company are presented is something over \$70,000,000 this year. Upon the same basis of calculation the amount of taxes which the stockholders of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana will succeed in dodging by reason of the generosity of the United States Supreme Court will be something over \$230,000,000 this year. Now, this amounts to over \$300,000,000 in one year from two corporations alone, both dealing in the necessities of life.

The American people are thus not only obliged to pay the high prices for the products of these companies in order that they may pay these enormous dividends, but upon our basis of calculation they are obliged to pay in taxes, which the stockholders of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana will succeed in dodging by reason of the generosity of the United States Supreme Court will be something over \$230,000,000 this year. Now, this amounts to over \$300,000,000 in one year from two corporations alone, both dealing in the necessities of life.

Now, carry out this calculation to all the other great corporations and then take the 35 per cent. freight and passenger increase made by the railroads under the wretched Esch-Cummins law lately, with its consequent yearly increase in the cost of living of more than \$200 to every family, and then ask yourself what causes the increased cost of living. Those who charge it all to labor talk nonsense.

During the next four years President-elect Harding will have several judges of the Supreme Court to appoint. We can discuss this question openly and without indecency because ex-President Taft has announced his intention to oppose to the Supreme Court of the United States are made, and the people might as well know it now as ever, with a view, not to get just decisions, but with a view to obtaining decisions that are favorable to one side or the other of the great economic and political controversies. The opinions and tendencies of the lawyers who are candidates for judgeship are known in advance and they are generally appointed, not for their judicial character, not for their learning, but for their political tendencies and their political and economic bias. Of course, it goes without saying that the judges are learned men and good men. But these great decisions by the Supreme Court are not based upon legal learning. They are not judicial in character. They are political. They are the registration of economic, social and political prejudices.

The Supreme Court of the United States thus constituted has arrogated to itself not only the power to destroy a law because, in its opinion, it is contrary to the Constitution of the United States, but has arrogated to itself the right to amend the law according to its own view of economic and political needs of the community. And worse than that and last of all, it has actually, in the Steel Trust case, arrogated to itself a right to refuse to enforce a law which it admits is constitutional and amend by the chief of interpretation be amended. The worst of it all is that only restraint upon the right to suspend the enforcement of a constitutional law is the discretion of five old gentlemen on the Supreme Court as to whether the law is wise or is not.

This constitutes government by judges, and it is a menace to our representative form of government. It is just as revolutionary as Sovietism and more unprecedented. We can find far more precedents in history for the Soviet form of government than we can for government by courts. In no land, in no other age of history,

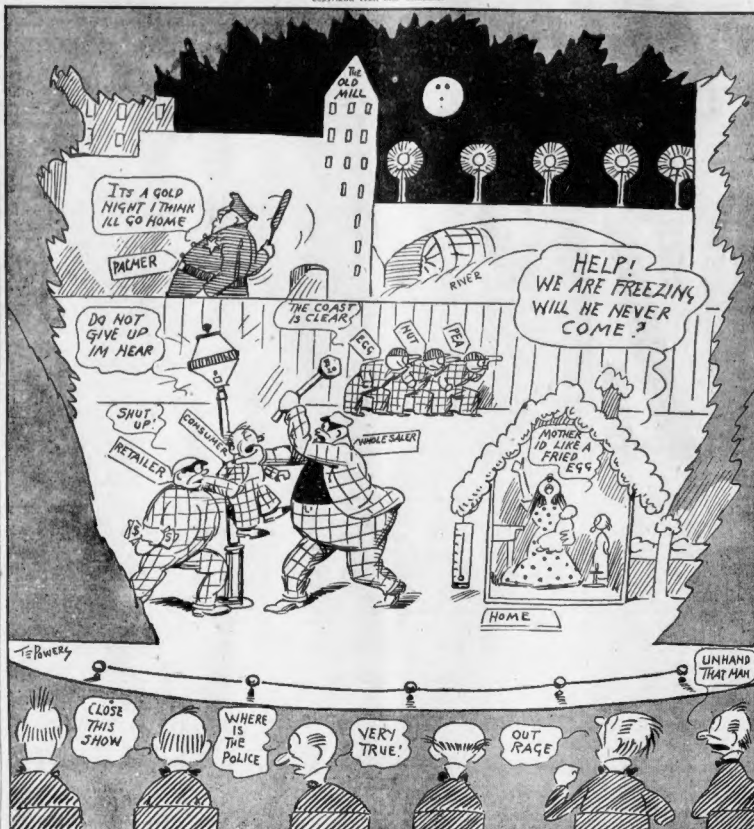
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The Great Coal Drama

Ten Nights in a Coal Yard

By T. E. Powers

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More Truth Than Poetry



The Blaze of Glory

By S. E. Kiser

OUT where a fire's a big event
That none but the old are willing to miss—
Out where the people pay little rent,
They think that life in New York's like this:

GRAND opera once a week at least,
A girl show every other night,
Preceded always by a feast
Where all's magnificent and bright;
Fair women scantily arrayed,
And every man a millionaire;
The people all on dress parade,
Unceasing pleasure everywhere.

THE nights a round of dizzy whirls,
New wonders added every day;
At every corner chorus girls,
To lure the men who pass that way;
Processions up the avenue,
With flying flags and blaring bands;
The Mayor bidding welcome to
Plumed potentates from foreign lands.

AN hour in Wall Street now and then
To shear another fleecy flock;
To work, when one must work, at ten;
The office closed at three o'clock;
Celebrities at every turn,
A duke or two at each hotel;
Unending joy, with small concern
For heaven, and even less for hell.

BUT the real thing's merely a two-room flat,
A job at a desk in a lengthy row;
Ten thousand roofs to be looking at—
Perhaps an occasional picture show.



Easing Life's Load

FOR those of us who realize our load, and have no desire to shrink, there are several conclusions. In the first place we do not have to pull all the time. A part of every day we can take the pack off and ease our shoulders. If we are wise, in these restful home, with slippers and easy chair? Is there no resting bed, with sleep that "fills up the ravined sleeve of care"? Are there no Sundays and vacation spots? Friends, too, are oases in the desert. There is something about a trusted and sympathetic soul that is pure heart's ease. Just to be with him is a sort of Sabbath. Just to know that he exists and thinks of you is as if you put his hands under your armpits and lifted.

And faith, any kind of faith is power. Faith in yourself helps mightily. Fight for your self-respect as at the last ditch. Believe in your star—that the universe would never have allowed you to exist unless you. Just you, with all your weaknesses, had been needed.

Faith in other people helps. Any good man or woman you believe in is a soul tonic. Pessimism and cynicism are poison miasmas of a diseased personality. By them you are self-conscious with deadening cares, stupefying microbes.

And faith in the Eternal Goodness is best of all. In your darkest moments repeat to yourself this beautiful confession, that of J. G. von Stauffenberg:

Who in life's better fire does stand,
Shall bear hope's tender bloom
Into the silent land.

Smiles

All through this period of unrest and strikes, the bank clerks who send out overdraft notices have stuck faithfully on the job.

Whenever you hear a woman huffing about how clean she keeps her house, it's ten to one you can go there any time and find the kitchen sink full of dirty dishes.

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By K. C. B.

DEAR K. C. B. I WANT to tell you. ABOUT A dog. CHAINED TO a dog house. BACK OF a store. WHERE ONCE on a time. THERE WAS a saloon. WHERE FRIEND husband. USED TO say, "Hello" AND BUY a drink. WITH His dog life gone. CLOSTED THE place. AND NOW friend husband. COMES HOME to me. AND SAYS: "Hello Sweetie." BUT SMELLS the same. WHICH MAKES me wonder. BUT ANYWAY. THERE'S THE poor old dog. AND WE call him "Fido." BECAUSE EVERY time. WE LOOK his way. HE DOES the "ahmmy." AND SHAKES so hard.



The Rare Art of Giving

By Dr. Frank Crane

From Hearst's Magazine for December

MOST anybody can sell things. But very few indeed understand the rare art of giving.

Selling a man a basket of apples or a shirt is no special drama upon one's spiritual resources. A feeble-minded person can do it. But there are not many people who can give away apples or a shirt and not make a mess of the transaction.

The psychology of selling is simple; that of giving is complex. Successful business men are plentiful as blackberries. But philanthropists that do not accomplish more harm than good are almost unknown.

To give any person or any institution anything is an exceedingly dangerous doing. It usually is disastrous both at muscle and at brain. It destroys the self-respect of the receiver and inflames the vanity of the giver.

Modern charity is often a rotten substitute for justice, the consequence of iniquitous privileges, the cheap corrupter of the virility of democracy.

Not because giving is bad. On the contrary, it is blessed. But because most people do not know how to give.

The only way to give and not wound, and put poison in the wound, is to give secretly and without conditions; in other words, not on any account to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

But the average giver spoils his charity by his pernicious vanity. If he gives you a hundred dollars he thinks he owes you.

If you want to help me along with a donation of a thousand dollars, slip it to me anonymously, so I will never know where it comes from. For if I hear my name and stand there smiling and waiting for me to laud and magnify your glorious name, I shall be tempted to hand it back.

You will note, I am tempted. I have never had such an experience, and do not want to boast.

A housewife gave a coat to a poor man. He pawned it and spent the proceeds on his belly. She was indignant. But why should she have sent it out to decide for the man what he needed most?

A certain rich man was helping the children of his dead friend through college. Instead of investing a sufficient sum and allowing the children to disperse the income as they chose, he made them come to him for every cent and explain what they wanted with it. That was not charity. It was a charitable hog scratching his self-centered back.

You will have learned a lot when you learn that nothing you give ever does anybody much good, and that nothing you receive ever does you much good.

There is but one way for a soul to progress through this life and not get humpedbacked, and that is to take only that for which it gives equivalent value.

"The responsibility of great wealth," of which we hear a deal of preaching, is mostly bunkum. Most "great wealth" the owner has no over to the State treasurer or drop it in the claret, and begin square. Still, it is more blessed to give than to receive. But the blessed kind of giving is, after all, a sort of sale; only your price is of the spirit. You must exchange an apple for a smile.

Fortunate is he who is privileged to feed a philosopher or give a coat to a poet.

Now can give beautifully. It calls for self-forgetfulness, largeness of heart, and the utmost delicacy of touch. Give, God gives: the High Ones do not sell. And to entrust in this godly business of giving you too must have something to give.

If you are looking for your price, even if it be only appreciation—all more if you are expecting a favor in return—you are little, you don't belong to the noble order of Givers, and you'd better stick to your petty trafficking.

Giving is a rare and difficult luxury. Before you indulge in it your soul must be nursed of self, and you must first have some sense of kinship to the Father of All, who alone understands how to give perfectly.

For the Great Soul comes not to minister unto, but to minister."

Remember, then, the Boston American Christmas Fund. It helps the kiddies and the deserving poor.

Supreme Court Is Aborting the Will of the People

(Continued From First Two Columns)

did any people ever dream of tolerating a government by judges to the extent to which, in our inertia, we are permitting it in this country.

The appointment of the judges to the Supreme Court by Mr. Harding, as ex-President Taft says, will be unavoidably a political act. If he fills it up with reactionaries he will be doing a dangerous thing to the peace and order of the country. If our representatives cannot make laws without the consent of five men appointed by the President for life, then we have an autocracy stronger in character and more powerful than anything western civilization has known since the Renaissance and it is the kind of a government which cannot be overthrown by orderly process. It is a self-perpetuating government from which there can be no appeal.

Representing the liquor interests, Elihu Root seriously contended before the Supreme Court that there were subjects concerning which the American people could not amend their own constitution even in the way that they specially provided that it might be amended. The Supreme Court, of course, under such a theory would be the absolute and final dictators of the subjects on which the constitution could not be amended, and since they are the final interpreters of the constitution they would thus become the absolute masters of America. The Supreme Court did not repudiate this astounding theory advanced by Root in favor of liquor, but really in favor of the privilege of property interests. The Supreme Court allowed the issue to remain open by giving no reason for its decision in favor of the prohibition amendment.

If the Supreme Court is packed with reactionary, though honest, men who have no honest opinion of the rights of democracy are inferior to the rights of private property, then we shall have a menacing situation in this country that needs only to be stated to be appreciated.

If the Root theory is accepted, what must be the answer? We do not need to draw the conclusion. It is obvious. We commend it to Mr. Harding's most careful consideration and to that of his advisers. He is not going to lie down in a bed of roses in the next four years and he will want all the discretion and caution a man can have, and he will want to avoid making a Supreme Court which is liable to discourage the American people from believing in the possibility of controlling their government through orderly elections.

Let us beware of representative democracy like ours, any form of government is tolerable only so long as it facilitates the enactment of the public will. When it becomes an instrument for defying public opinion and aborting the public will, it invokes the inalienable rights set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

Let us beware of judges who forget that they are judges only and conceive themselves to be statesmen and sublimated guardians of the social order, charged with the duty of holding the pass against all progress in which they do not happen personally to believe. Such judges on the United States Supreme Court bench, in present circumstances, are the most dangerous things in our national orbit.

I THANK YOU.